



State of New
Hampshire
Department of
Education

101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3494 or
1-800-339-9900
TDD: 1-800-735-2964
Fax: (603) 271-1953
www.education.nh.gov

For more information
please contact:
Lori Temple
Public Information Officer
(603) 271-6646 or
Lori.Temple@doe.nh.gov

Messages From the Department of Education

August 2016

Table of Contents

Certification	Page 2
Data and Data Training(s)	Page 2
Hearings	Page 3
Innovations/Initiatives	Page 3
Technical Assistance Advisory	Page 3
Professional Development.....	Page 4
Department Staff Updates	Page 4
Resources	Page 4
Other	
• Contests.....	Page 5
• Conferences/Workshops.....	Page 5
• Misc.	Page 6

CERTIFICATION

A. Critical Shortage Survey for 2016-2017

Each year the Department of Education conducts a survey to determine which endorsements should be included on the Critical Shortage List. This list is used for the purpose of determining eligibility for Alternative IV. It is also submitted to the federal government to be used for student loan deferment determination. The survey requests information for both vacancies and positions that were difficult to fill as of Friday, August 19, 2015. It will be available using the Electronic Submission System (ESS) accessible by signing on to the myNHDOE Single Sign On System (<https://my.doe.nh.gov/myNHDOE>). There will be no spreadsheets to e-mail or FAX back to the NH Department of Education. The form should be completed by Monday, August 29, 2016.

Contact: Joe Pipinias, (603) 271-4862, Joe.Pipinias@doe.nh.gov

DATA AND DATA TRAINING SESSIONS

A. End of Year (EOY) i4see Data Collection

Thank you to all districts that have uploaded their end of year data and are resolving their anomalies!

The EOY (end of year) schedule remains as follows:

- August 3 – All state anomalies MUST be resolved and District Reports confirmed so that Superintendents can “certify” the following EOY submissions: EOY Enrollment, EOY Academic, and Sped Public. Superintendents should print, complete, sign and send the following three reports AFTER they have certified the EOY Enrollment: “Tuition Report Receiving,” “Nonpublic 15-16 Special Education Students (A13N),” and “Nonpublic 15-16 Non-Special Education Students (A13 Other)” reports.
- August 3-October 1 – The DOE will review all submissions and contact schools with questions.
- September 15 – **(Date correction from July key messages)** Superintendents should print, sign and submit remaining end of year reports (Determination Sign Off and ADM Report.).

B. Student Roster Submission for the 2016-17 school year

This includes all students who will be attending your school in the Fall:

- This submission is due August 15th. It should include ALL grades PK-12 for populating Performance Plus, Early Warning System, and Direct Certification of F&N students. Please be sure the submission contains the correct grade for the students entering in the Fall.

Contact: Mike Cote, (603) 271-2775, i4see.help@doe.nh.gov

C. Principal Changes

Schools should be updating their information on the i4see Workbench, School tab. If you have a new principal or an e-mail address change please update this information.

Contact: Mike Cote, (603) 271-2775, i4see.help@doe.nh.gov

HEARINGS

504.05 and 504.06 - Paraeducator

There will be a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord. Deadline for written comment is August 29, 2016.

Ed 507.14 and Ed 614.07 - School Social Worker

There will be a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord. Deadline for written comment is August 29, 2016.

Ed 507.49 and Ed 612.32 - Dance Education

There will be a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord. Deadline for written comment is August 29, 2016.

Ed 507.12 and Ed 614.02 - Reading and Writing Specialist

There will be a public hearing on August 15, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord. Deadline for written comment is August 29, 2016.

INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES

A. Inspiring the Mastery of Postsecondary Achievement in Careers, College & Training (IMPACCT)

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) staff are making visits to schools and Special Education departments to share a program coming to schools this fall. With reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in 2014 the VR program is required to provide “Pre-Employment Transition Services” to students with disabilities. These services include: job exploration counseling, work readiness training, work-based learning experiences, counseling on post-secondary education options and self-advocacy skills.

We are pleased to partner with GSIL in bringing this new opportunity to schools’ special education staff, students and parents. The program will be provided in two modalities: a comprehensive program called IMPACCT and workshops. Depending on the needs of your students you can work with staff to identify the most appropriate manner in which your student can receive this important work-based information. The Vocational Rehabilitation program, along with our partners, is looking forward to providing these necessary services to prepare our students and youth with disabilities to enter the workforce to meet business needs.

Contact: Kevin Stevenson, (603) 271-5024, Kevin.Stevenson@doe.nh.gov

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

A. School Employee and Volunteer Criminal History Records Check

The Department has issued a technical assistance advisory and sample letters pertaining to Criminal History Records Check. This advisory as well as previous advisories can be found on the Department’s Web site at www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech_advisories.htm.

Contact: Diana E. Fenton, (603) 271-3189, Diana.Fenton@doe.nh.gov

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Back To School: Legal Issues For New Hampshire School Nurses

The Department of Education invites school nurses to a workshop on August 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Plymouth State University Building in Concord for a review of current law, new legislation, and certification issues. There will also be a group discussion of the day-to-day issues that school nurses face. In order to best facilitate this discussion, please e-mail Nancy Wells with a brief description of an issue or situation that you have faced.

Contact: Nancy Wells, (603) 271-2960, Nancy.Wells@doe.nh.gov

DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATES

David Benedetto has recently joined the NH DOE as the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Director. Dave comes to the Department from Pinkerton Academy where he established the Computer Science program in the CTE Center. He is also a founding member and STEM advisor to the LEAF Charter School, slated to open in Fall 2017. Dave can be reached at (603) 271-3855 or David.Benedetto@doe.nh.gov.

RESOURCES

A. New Hampshire Legislation

The NH DOE has added links to education related bills that have been signed by the Governor on our Web site. This information can be found at www.education.nh.gov/legislation/legislation.htm.

B. The National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY) Common Core Video Series

NNSTOY has released seven new videos that affirm the value of the Common Core State Standards and provide exemplars of their use by the nation's best teachers. Produced by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation, the videos illustrate the power of rigorous standards in the hands of an excellent teacher who seeks to bring challenging and meaningful learning experiences to students. These videos can be found at www.nnstoy.org/ccss-video-series.

C. Social and Behavioral Readiness for Kindergarten:

Join the Early Childhood Education Research Alliance (ECEA), on Tuesday, August 9th, for a presentation of new research from the Baltimore Education Research Consortium on child readiness for kindergarten. Deborah Gross, Johns Hopkins University, and Amie Bettencourt, Fund for Educational Excellence, will present findings from their study on the costly consequences for children who have not yet learned skills such as following directions, complying with rules, managing emotions, solving problems, organizing and completing tasks, and getting along with others. Several ECEA members from states in the Northeast & Islands Region will respond to the findings and discuss potential implications for their state's early learning and development standards. To register or for more information go to www.relnei.org/events/kindergarten-readiness-research-state-perspectives.html.

OTHER

Letters About Literature Deadlines

The Center for the Book at the NH State Library will be coordinating Letters About Literature in NH this coming school year. This competition is for students in grades 4-12 and asks young readers to write a letter, as if to the author, about a book that affected their perception of the world. Level 3 (high school) has a postmark deadline of Friday, December 2, 2016. Levels 1 and 2 (upper elementary and middle school) have a postmark deadline of Monday, January 9, 2017. To get the latest info on LAL in NH in your e-mail, sign up at <http://lal.nhbookcenter.org>. Additional details, including required entry coupons, will be available on our Web site in September.

Voting materials available for 2016 Ladybug Picture Book Award

Schools, libraries, day care centers, and any other location where NH children (aged preschooler to third grade) gather may be a voting site for the Ladybug Picture Book Award. To be a voting site you need to share the ten nominated books (listed at <http://ladybug.nhbookcenter.org>) with the kids and conduct an election with all 10 titles in the fall of 2016. Picture ballots are available at <http://ladybug.nhbookcenter.org> as well as the required tally sheet (there is a paper option or an online one). The deadline for sending in votes is Friday, December 9, 2016 at 4:30pm. The Ladybug Picture Book Award is sponsored by the Center for the Book at the NH State Library and was established to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books.

Interactive Workshops Offered to Early Childhood Professionals

Two award-winning early childhood resources for educators and care providers of young children are being offered together. These workshops are designed to connect children ages 3 - 7 with nature and the outdoors. The programs support educators and care providers by engaging young children in activities that encourage exploration of the natural world. The activity guides provide an early foundation for developing active, healthy children who enjoy nature and are prepared to enter school with necessary learning skills. The joint workshops will feature Growing Up WILD, sponsored in the state by the N.H. Fish and Game Department, and Project Learning Tree's Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood. Sessions are scheduled at Fish and Game's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness on August 16th, and at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord on August 18th. To register or for more information visit N.H. Project Learning Tree's Web site at www.nhplt.org or the N.H. Fish and Game Web site at www.wildnh.com/education/project-wild.html, or contact Mary Goodyear at mary.goodyear@wildlife.nh.gov.

Readiness & Emergency Management Webinar Series

During August and September, the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) TA Center is pleased to offer two Webinar series for state and local practitioners in school and institutions of higher education (IHE) emergency management on key topics in the field. The EOP Planning Webinar Series will include four Webinar events on topics fundamental to developing a high-quality school and higher education emergency operations plan. The Adversarial and Human-Caused Threats Webinar Series will include three Webinar events on examples of these threats that school communities may face, and preparedness activities that can help schools and communities prevent, protect, respond and recover from these types of incidents, including bullying, online threats, and sextortion. Each Webinar in

these series will be one hour in length and begin at 2 p.m. To register or for more information go to <http://goo.gl/Gl0OJl>.

Ocean Exploration in the Classroom

Registration is open for a one-day teacher workshop to be held at UNH-Manchester on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The workshop highlights STEM elements in professional deep-sea exploration, and will show how to use cutting edge technologies in the classroom, spotlight STEM careers, provide new resources for your students, and introduce teachers to the New Hampshire Ocean Exploration Trust (OET) Community STEM Program. Registration is free - save your space now at <http://extension.unh.edu/oceanexploration>. For questions or more information please contact annette.schloss@unh.edu.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a free day-long course designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

UNH Cooperative Extension is hosting two training sessions:

- September 17th, North Haverhill, to register, please visit: <http://goo.gl/rjYNem>
- September 23rd, Wilton, to register, please visit: <http://goo.gl/SFOOaM>

To schedule a Youth Mental Health First Aid training for your organization or to get more information, please visit: <http://goo.gl/oiMZK3>.

National Anthem Sing-A-Long

The Star-Spangled Banner will be sung by school children nationwide on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. EST. Students will learn about the words and meaning of the flag and sing the first stanza. This will be the third annual simultaneous sing-a-long event. This event honors the resilience of America in turbulent times – whether 9/11 or the War of 1812 – and educates our nation's schoolchildren about the words, meaning, music and history of Francis Scott Key's National Anthem. A companion curriculum is made available to teachers across the U.S. at no cost. For more information go to www.theapef.org/national-anthem-sing-a-long.